

ABSTRACT

A method and an apparatus for thermoforming bodies in plastic material by means of a mold (11). A sheet (15) of thermoformable plastic material is heated to a plasticization temperature, supporting it along its peripheral edges.

- 5 The heated sheet (15) is pre-shaped to create an enrichment of material, performing a sag by relative movements for approaching, raising and/or rotating its peripheral edges, maintaining the plastic sheet (15) in a suspended condition. The pre-shaped sheet (15) is then brought into close contact with the mold (11) and vacuum-formed making it adhere to the shaping surface (12) of the mold,
- 10 (11).